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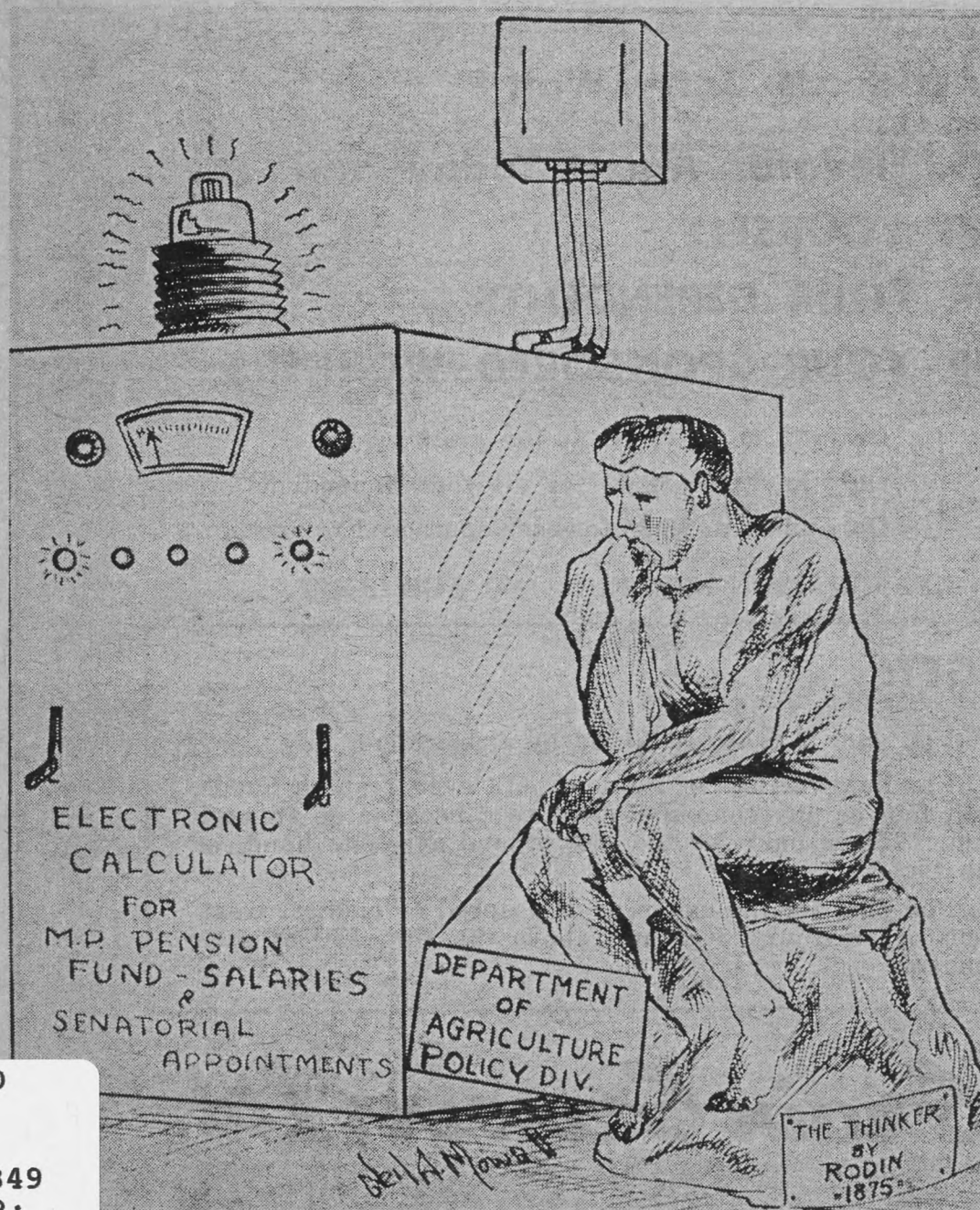


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## President's Report

Everything this month is "Ottawa Delegation", and rightly so. This was definitely the biggest thing of its kind ever attempted. That it was so successful is due entirely to the people taking part.

I want to pay tribute to our office staff. They literally worked day and night compiling petition results and making the necessary arrangements. It is absolutely amazing how, in the short time at their disposal, they were able to get all the delegates on their trains and away without any casualties.

Another special tribute to the staffs of the Alberta Wheat Pool

and United Grain Growers, and our own Del McCorkle. They did a marvelous job on the trains and hotels in Ottawa. Also, to those of you who so kindly agreed to relinquish your chance to go when it became apparent that we could not accommodate so many. To all you good people, from the bottom of my heart, **THANK YOU.**

To the delegates themselves — you did a marvelous job. It will be to the everlasting credit of farm people that these people performed like the ladies and gentlemen they are. Certainly, if the people of Canada do not recognize our need, and act accordingly, it will not be the fault of the delegation.

From the standpoint of getting the greatest amount of good publicity possible, it was 100% successful. From the standpoint of recognition for the need to price grain and farm produce according to cost of production, I believe much more work is necessary. Let us say we made a big dent in the armour, and that it will become easier to talk to the necessary people after this.

The press had a mixed reaction. Certainly there was much hostility at first. This changed visibly, and in some cases there was outright recognition for our cause. The more partisan press tried desperately to indicate that we went home with an outright refusal. This is not correct. The Premier, certainly, could not have left the door any wider open. His statement of "continuing consideration" was both hopeful and discouraging. The statement that he "welcomed the opportunity for his colleagues to hear our case first hand", was encouraging. That he recognized the need, there was no doubt; that the government will do something about it, I would also say there is little doubt. How much, and in what manner, is the question. Will it be more relief or will it recognize the need for a price on our products? That is the question. You people can help determine the answer. Make use of your local meetings for frank and open discussions. Write to your local M.P. Make sure he is not in the dark. Keep him informed.

We will keep the "heat" on at this end.

## HOG GRADING

by Del McCorkle

At the District Conventions last summer a person was elected from each district to act on a hog-grading committee. This committee was to study what takes place in the grading of hogs, and to study any proposed changes or revisions in the present hog-grading system. Through the complete co-operation of the Department of Agriculture, Livestock Division, a one-day demonstration on hog-grading and talks on matters pertaining to such was held in both Calgary and Edmonton, the Edmonton meeting being held at Canada Packers, and the Calgary one at the Burns Livestock Co.

Representatives from districts 1 to 9 attended the meeting in Edmonton, and the men so doing were as follows: Lewis Hawks, Dimsdale; Al. Richardson, Fairview; Dan Smith, Jarvie; Frank Maricle, Hamlin; Jack Fuhr, Morinville; Carl Ziegler, Vegreville; Lloyd Brown, Islay; Clem Leidl, Donalda; and Harold Peterson, Bentley.

Those from the southern part of the Province attending the Calgary meeting, were: Mr. Jim Christie of Trochu; John Adie, Drumheller; Otto Wobeck, Barons; August Villadsen, Brooks; and Hugo Miller, Lethbridge.

These meetings were held on February 28th in both cities. It was the privilege of the writer to attend the Edmonton demonstration and I shall try to give a brief explanation of the events of the day.

We first were welcomed by one of the headmen of Canada Packers, and we then had a talk from Mr. J. L. Powley, Dist. Supervisor of Production and Marketing Branch, Canadian Dept. of Agriculture, who then introduced Mr. V. G. McDonald, Senior Livestock Products Grader who went over the proposed changes in hog grades. Due to the space involved I shall not include the proposed charts for the revision of hog grades. However, I will try to give you a general outline as to what is intended. First, under this proposed change, a carcass can qualify for "A" grade at a minimum weight of 135 lbs. instead of the present minimum of 140. This carcass must have one quarter inch less fat over the shoulders and loin than at present. The smaller the carcass the less fat is allowed, which seems sensible. A 140 lb. carcass carrying the same depth of fat as a 170 lb. carcass is certainly over-finished.

(Continued next month)



# F.W.U.A. Section

## F.W.U.A. President Reports

by Mrs. C. R. Braithwaite

I am a homemaker by profession, a labourer by necessity and a farm woman by choice!

My Government seems to forget that in order to live the life we liked best of all we were prepared to sacrifice for it. But unlike any other profession all the extras went into providing extra machinery, livestock, seed grain, etc. to make the farm pay.

The home from which all farm operations is carried on, was the very last thing to come. Only to be enjoyed a very few short years when other plans had to be made. I think when farm people work hard for the things they want, surely some system should prevail to enable them to achieve their desires, commensurate with their efforts.

A farmer does not exploit any body in his profession and his gains are entirely by his own efforts, something I think that has been overlooked by other groups in our society. "Tools were made, and born were hands, every farmer understands."

Well, I went marching to Ottawa, too, along with the other members of the delegation to add my support for the farmers' cause.

We do not and cannot live in a vacuum, therefore farm people deserve a break along with industrial workers, civil servants, lawyers, teachers, railroadmen, newspapermen, etc.

We are still an agricultural country and yet most Canadians, as A. P. Herbert once remarked with a perfectly straight face, "I know nothing about agriculture."



And this is not good, it isn't good for city dwellers, nor for the farmers, nor for the country.

An article appearing in the Ottawa Journal recently stated, "We of the city pavements should not laugh at the farm delegations visit, nor cheer if they seem to go away empty handed. Farmers are also people."

I think we have a moral responsibility in trying to assist the small farmer to retain his farm and raise his family in surroundings that are conducive to good clean living. Even on our large, efficient farms chores are a thing of the past for farm boys and girls. Chores in limited doses do more for the character than any teacher can ever hope to achieve.

The farm people have made a magnificent contribution to society in men, women, food and a way of life that lives and lets live. Walt Whitman says, "Now I see the making of the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth."

Dr. Johnson says, "If we estimate dignity by immediate usefulness, agriculture is undoubtedly the first and noblest science."

As long as farm men and women take pride in their profession, proud to acclaim to one and all they are members of the F.U.A. and F.W.U.A. and conduct themselves as well in presenting their case at the foot of the throne as they have recently done, then I know that agriculture will still be one of the most satisfying and

the most rewarding professions we have. To use Mr. Diefenbaker's own words: "There can be no failures when honest opinions are presented and honest efforts made to bring about a comprehensive plan for agriculture."

## F.W.U.A. Hilites

Sydenham - Gerald FWUA #710 (Wainwright) answered the Roll Call with "A Hobby I Would Like to Cultivate". Discussions held on various matters of concern to the organization. It was voted to send donations to ACWW and Red Cross. Means for raising money were discussed.

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Fairdonian Valley FWUA #802 (Sedgewick) were much interested in the idea of a Homemakers Service — but feel there would be few to draw from in their neighborhood. Another parcel is to be sent at once to U.S.C.

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Alix FWUA #901 donated to Care and to a School for retard children, and also on a scholarship fund for Lacombe School Division. \$44.75 raised at tea and bake sale.

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Morinville FWUA #504 Mrs. Gibeau spoke on the presentation of Brief to the Provincial Government in January. The Jr. Camp Project was discussed and plans were made to raise money for the project.

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South Eaglesham FWUA #108 heard Mr. Nestor Charuk speak on Farm Service Supply, which is to be set up in the Co-op Store soon. The local discussed adopting an orphan, either in Korea or India.



Eclipse FWUA #904 (Clive) donated \$15.00 to the FUA Scholarship Fund, Lacombe School Division. \$6.01 — month's collection of pennies were to be given to A. C. W. W. Demonstration on flower arrangements and house plant care much enjoyed. Plan to cater to F.U.A. auction sale in March.

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Egremont FWUA #604 (Opal) heard Dr. Wright speak on Cancer. A name quilt is to be made for a member of the local. Plan to cater to the Wheat Pool evening.

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Spring Valley FWUA #911 (Lacombe) had Mrs. A. Sissons as guest speaker and she gave a very interesting and detailed report on the Brief presented to the provincial cabinet in January.

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East Langview FWUA #1211 heard the Dist. Agriculturist give an interesting talk on farm problems. The local is making layettes for Korean children. Four quilts have been made for the Red Cross, also nighties and overalls.

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Andrew FWUA #630 are working on a patchwork quilt which they hope to raffle soon.

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Three Hills FWUA #1018 held a very successful Variety Concert and as a result \$50.00 was voted to be given to the Jr. FUA Camp Fund. The local will be catering to a number of local projects during March.

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Hairy Hill FWUA #619 are sponsoring a bingo to raise funds for the local. It is hoped to have the Home Economist to speak at the next meeting. Donations have been made to needy causes.

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Asker FWUA #902 (Ponoka) sent a large shipment of clothing — including eight baby layettes, to U.S.C. (over 200 lbs.). Successful bake sale netted \$26.00.

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Edmonton FWUA #603 reports a successful casserole supper, followed by a film on "Vertical Integration and a bridge and whist drive. \$100.00 was raised for the camp at Gold Eye Lake. A brief account of the Agricultural short course was given by Mrs. Huges.

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Warner FWUA #1402 served lunch at the annual FUA dance in Warner and were able to donate \$50. out of profit to the Jr. FUA Camp fund. Interest in the Jr. FUA Camp Project is good in the Warner area.

Hillside FWUA #906 (Millet) report answering Roll Call with the "Special plants they would try in the gardens this year." Mrs. Ross gave a talk on the early development of the Co-operatives in Western Canada. She said co-operation is not just a way to save money, it is a way of thinking and living. She felt alarm that younger people are growing up not realizing their importance or the struggle it was to form the early co-operatives, and felt each generation should be educated in this regard.

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Drumheller East FWUA #1111 made a donation to Drumheller Musical Festival Association. A quilt was made for the Red Cross at this meeting. A used clothing donation was also taken and all members gave their old warm clothing to be sent to Korea.

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Bonanza FWUA #101 decided to possibly hold a bingo or some social for the raising of funds for Jr. FUA Camp fund. A shower was held for a family who recently lost their home by fire and \$400.00 was canvassed for and presented to the unfortunate couple.

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Pickardville FWUA #328 held a meeting to organize a farm women's group in the district.

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Anthony Hill FWUA #909 (Ponoka) voted to send \$100.00 to the Jr. FUA Camp Fund. Money was obtained by catering at an auction sale of an FUA member. \$99.00 was cleared at the sale.

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Sunny Hills FWUA #1112 (Morrin) packed 14 cartons (about 800 pounds) of clothing. Due to so many helping, the packing took only about a half hour, to be sent to U.S.C.

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Stapledene FWUA #713 (Lloydminster) report a successful pot-luck supper held in January, and requests for another very soon. Junior night was not too well attended but enjoyed by those present. Bake sale netted \$53.87. Mrs. Adele Tetarenko spoke on retarded children and the new school for retarded children startel in Lloydminster.

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Pine Hill FWUA #1013 (Red Deer) opened their last meeting with reading the "Accomplishments of Farm Women. Plans were being made for a Barbecue. Discussion held re the annual conference.

Jefferson FWUA #1401 (Cardston), at their February meeting, planned a bake sale, also to bring clothing for Unitarian Services to the next meeting. A representative was appointed to attend the Red Cross Workshop in Lethbridge.

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Burnt Lake FWUA #1004 (Red Deer) held several whist parties to raise funds for the local. It is planned to have Ethel Jasman, Jr. FUA Director, come to show her films of the Jr. Camp Site, and to have other locals attend the gathering. Mrs. Braithwaite was guest speaker talking of her trip to Ottawa and other subjects.

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Pelican FWUA #707 (Edgerton) read and discussed at some length the letters on Junior FUA matters. A quilt raffle, tea and home cooking sale to raise funds for the Jr. Camp project, to be held in Edgerton.

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Inland FWUA #615 (Vegreville) held a Group Discussion on How to Raise Funds for the Local. Mr. Ryan (public relations) spoke on Co-operatives. Both FUA and FWUA found Mr. Ryan's talk very interesting. A home bake sale held in February proved a big success.

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Maple Lodge FWUA #811 (Viking) report a donation made to Junior FUA Camp Fund, also donation of a radio to Viking Municipal Hospital. Donations and work in 1958 — clothing and layettes to U.S.C.; donations to A.C.W.W., Red Cross, Junior FUA Queen, Hospital Memorial Fund and the Hospital Auxiliary (wheel chair fund); a card party and bake sale held and many cook books sold. Mrs. Keast was guest speaker — giving much information in re the past annual convention.

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Imperial FWUA (Vegreville) answered Roll Call with a donation to the Red Cross. A bingo and whist drive have been planned.

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Gleichen FWUA #1010 donated \$8.00 for A.C.W.W. A large car load of old clothing was sent to the Unitarian Centre in Calgary, and some clothing was given to one of our needy families, and some to aid the local Indians. A number of speakers are being arranged for on various subjects.



## Views on Ottawa Delegation

by Junior F.U.A. President

We, the western farmers, are travelling home with a certain feeling of satisfaction of doing a very good job of presenting our story to the Government of Canada and also the people of Eastern Canada. Just how successful we will be in other aspects will not be known for a period of time.

I was very proud of the whole delegation and proud to be a member of it when the presentation was made to the Prime Minister and the Government.

One part of the presentation probably meant more for me than any other part of it, and this was when the Junior F.U.A. 1st vice-president, Alex McCalla, presented the views on behalf of the Young Farmers. Alex was chosen to present this viewpoint by a group of young farmers from the three prairie provinces. He did a very good job and was commended for it by the Prime Minister in his replying address.

There will be complete details of the delegation published in this issue of the Organized Farmer.

In closing I should like to mention that the whole delegation went to Ottawa and returned in a very respectful manner, and left everyone with a high regard for the Western Farmer.

### F.U.A. LOCAL No. 1411 HELD FIRST MEETING FEBRUARY 4

The Whitla — Seven Persons FUA Local #1411, held its first meeting of the year at Whitla on February 4th.

The President, Mr. George Verhaest, was chairman and Mrs. P. Rapson, was secretary.

Business centered on "Our Farmers March to Ottawa". It was resolved to send Mrs. P. Rapson as a delegate to Ottawa and to support her expense by local contributions.

Due to dissatisfaction on the Drought Bonus being received, the executive was asked to try to arrange for an authoritative speaker on this subject for the next meeting.

## Views on Ottawa Delegation

by C. J. Versluys

As I sit here in the Annadore Hotel in Toronto, snow is falling and swirling at a great rate.

Our delegation arrived in Ottawa as per schedule at 9 a.m. Monday, March 9th, after a very pleasant journey. The only unpleasantness encountered was the headlines in some of the newspapers we picked up, and some of the reporters who boarded our train at stopping points, presumably to get pictures and interrogate some of the delegates. One reporter in particular got in the bad graces of the writer when he attempted to get a delegate to say that we were going to Ottawa to try to embarrass our government. He was very definitely told that the words were his own, not the delegates'.

Monday afternoon the whole delegation met in the main ball room of the Chateau Laurier. We selected Mr. Olaf Turnbull, vice-president of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union, as chairman for our meetings; and Mr. Uri Powell, F.U.A. director, and Mr. Rudy Usick, president of the Manitoba Farmers' Union, as his assistants. Mr. J. H. Wesson, president of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, was chosen to read the brief to the meeting, and to later present it to the Prime Minister and his Cabinet.

The brief was unanimously endorsed and the meeting decided to have some of the different groups within the delegation present short briefs to the government, after the main brief was presented.

A great deal of satisfaction was felt all the way through the delegation at the solidarity of opinion and purposeful planning by over 1100 men and women representing the three prairie provinces. To the writer it appeared nothing short of magnificent.

The morning of Tuesday, March 10, at 10 a.m., Mr. Wesson made the official presentation of petitions bearing the signatures of 302,300 Western farmers, business and professional people, to the Prime Minister and members of his government. Mr. Wesson then submitted our brief in a most able manner, occasionally stopping to give emphasis to certain facts and principles. Mr. Wesson was given a standing ovation by the entire assembly at the conclusion of his presentation, for the capable manner in which he discharged a most important task, and also in recognition of his un-

stinting devotion to the cause of Western Agriculture. He is the last of a line of great champions in the cause of the prairie farmer.

A series of short briefs were then presented by representatives of the business men, farm women, the young farmers, the clergy and others.

The Honourable John G. Diefenbaker, Prime Minister of Canada, then gave his reply. He spoke of his early associations with Mr. Wesson and other pioneers of Western Canada; his early political experiences, and finally he thanked Mr. Wesson and members of the delegation for the thoroughness with which they had pleaded our case, the courteous manner in which we presented it gave recognition to our sincerity.

The Prime Minister then told us our brief would be seriously studied by the government and that it would receive careful consideration. He then mentioned some phases of the principles of deficiency payments that he thought might be detrimental in our dealings with the U.S.A.

When the Prime Minister had concluded his reply, Mr. Wesson reminded him of some points that had been passed over, one being that 13 per cent of the population received only 6 per cent of the national income, and that we farmers believed we should enjoy a standard of living equal to that enjoyed by other groups in the national economy.

During the rest of our stay in Ottawa we met with members of Parliament and discussed the purpose of our visit. Most M.P.'s treated their constituents to a dinner and gave them an opportunity to meet Eastern M.P.'s.

I was very much impressed by the cordial welcome extended by the citizens of Ottawa, and by their interest in our problems. This was all the more remarkable in view of a hostile press, badly distorting the facts of our cause. One Toronto paper had a more biased editorial than even the Calgary paper, in its Monday morning edition.

I was further impressed by the interest shown by many eastern members of parliament. They showed a real desire to hear about our problems and our suggestions for alleviating them.

I was very unfavorably impressed by many Western M.P.'s. They scurried like mice when they were asked to take a stand. Others, on being asked how they stood on our proposals, said they would stand with the government. I am happy to report also that we have Western members who said they would study our proposals and do everything they can to help resolve the case we placed before them.



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### LOCALS

by Ivan Nielsen

So much has been said and written about our union's locals that it is unavoidable to become repetitious. However, with the utmost need for a strong farm union now and in the near future, the locals must play their important roles, if the union is going to be of any help in the farmers' fight for survival.

Now that our dues, to a large extent, will be collected through outside agencies, there may be a dangerous temptation for some locals to either slacken up or re-

This report cannot be complete without giving recognition to the very excellent organizational work carried out by the representatives of the Farm Unions, Wheat Pools, and the United Grain Growers. Every last thing appears to have been taken care of.

Finally, a word about the delegates themselves. After reading about the bad impressions our delegation was bound to wreak, I must say that I am proud and happy to state that I saw no evidence of rowdiness, hooliganism or misbehaviour of any kind. I must further state that I heard a great deal of praise from many quarters for the quality of the behaviour of the members of our delegation.

I dropped around to bid a few last minute goodbyes etc, at the parliament buildings this morning, (the delegation had left the night before) and was told how impressed the people of Ottawa, and many of the members of parliament were by the fine manner in which the members of the delegation conducted themselves, and the capable manner in which they presented their case.

tire completely. The locals are essential to the welfare and healthy growth of the union as the nerve system is to the human body. It is from the locals the union's leaders receive their directives and inspirations through questionnaires, resolutions, petitions, etc. In turn, the briefs and other forms of requests presented to Governments are often backed up by the members' direct approach to their respective representatives.

It is the important duty of the members to elect competent local officials, who are willing and capable of performing their appointed duties. (Head office will furnish lists of duties upon request.) Too many locals fold up where members have accepted office merely for the prestige involved, with little or no ability or willingness to carry out the often unthankful tasks. One equally important duty of the individual member is to contact the "rugged individualist" farmer, who can take care of himself, thank you, and his opposite—the timid farmer, who believes that the farmers' business should be managed by anybody except the farmers. Those two types form the biggest obstacle to organized farming.

With the easy access to entertainment today many locals find it hard to attract members to their meetings. It is essential to offer programs interesting enough to offset this competition. It is important to hold regular meetings, but make sure they are attractive enough to induce the members to want to attend the next one. A meeting should never be called merely because it is 30 days since the last meeting was held. Ten-

tative programs can be drawn up for the year ahead and copies distributed among the members. ly advertised through mail, post. All meetings should be thorough-er, radio and other media.

There are numerous ways of holding attractive, entertaining and yet educational meetings. It is important to select a cheerful meeting place, start on time, have an agenda prepared, include at least one special attraction, keep the business periods within the time limit allotted and wind up with a social period — with refreshments provided at a nominal charge. The main attraction should be a guest speaker such as: a union official, a representative from government, university, municipality, school, co-op, any local organization or a private citizen. The business periods should deal with elections, reports, correspondence and planning of special projects such as picnics, dances, sports events, educational tours, seed fairs, schools for home and farm improvements, filmstrips, forming a U.F.A. co-op etc. The local that succeeds in showing its members how to save or make money in their farm operations will have very little trouble getting good attendance at meetings. Meetings should also provide opportunities for training members in public speaking. This can be accomplished in an attractive way through buzz-sessions, panel discussions, team debates, by appointing different chairmen at each meeting and so on. Having received some practice at Locals' meetings in expressing oneself in public is very useful, when, for instance, a mem-

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## WIND CHILL

There is a little demon that lurks on every hand

To plague unwary citizens of this great northern land  
It wafts through icy city streets and country field and hill,

This piercing, freezing thing that's known as "sub-zero win' chill."  
The win' chill sharpens barbs of frost and launches them with glee

To drive like stinging needle-points through folks like you and me.  
It seeks out every corner and throughout each crevice scours;

It tries to pierce the thicket where the shiv'ring coyote cowers.  
The outdoors man can take the cold to minus fifty-four

While working in the woodland or while fishing near the shore,  
But when the wind begins to lift the crystal flecks of snow

No man will leave his cozy shack or roaring campfire's glow.  
Yes, winter days are dreaded when the wind begins to stir,

And folks who needs must face it wrap in woolen coats and fur.  
But let the old thermometer climb up to thirty-plus

And suddenly no reason exists, about the wind to fuss,  
For it can howl and whistle then and not a human "spook".

They simply deeply fill their lungs and murmur, "Ah, Chinook!"

—by George H. Hoke, Dapp, Alberta

## WHO SAVES MONEY BY SHIPPING DIRECT

by C. E. Anderson

The price of our hogs and cattle is established at the Public Stockyards. These public markets are supervised by the Department of Agriculture Marketing service. The rates charged for handling and selling are not excessive — average about 35c per C.W.T.

Many farmers put much faith in the old axiom, a penny saved is a penny earned. In this case who saves the yardage when delivery is made directly to packing plants or their buying stations? This at times, is hard to determine, most farmers have left it up to the other fellow to pay yardage, left it largely to the co-op shipping associations to establish the price.

When hogs dropped to the floor price it was quite evident who benefits by these direct shipments. The floor price is administered in such a way that the price must be 21.50 basis the public market in Alberta. The packers know from past experience that farmers like to ship direct so will only pay 21.15. This demonstrates who actually saves the 35c yardage. If farmers sold the bulk of hogs to the stockyard the packers would have a man there to buy and would have to transport the hogs to their plants, which would probably cost another 15c, therefore the packers have saved at least 50c per C.W.T.

Perhaps this saving is passed along to the consumer, but I think it is quite evident that the farmer does not save this yardage. As long as our price is established in the public stockyards, the farmer loses his bargaining power by avoiding the public market.

How many of you would consider it a good practice if you were to have a farm auction sale and then to sell 90% of your goods before the sale to avoid paying the auctioneer's commission? How long could the farm auction continue to establish a fair price for the farmer who is selling out if everyone sold their goods before the day of sale. This is exactly what we are doing today in livestock marketing.

## SPEEDY SERVICE IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

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## MY OWN LOCAL

by Mrs. Cecil Keast

At the FWUA board meeting it was decided that each director write an editorial for the Organized Farmer. I have chosen the history of my own FWUA Local to write about, since I have belonged to it a year after it was organized in 1930.

Since convention two other members and myself wrote a brief summary form our minutes to keep within our local, before sending our books in to the Archives Committee.

Mrs. L. Zipperer of Lougheed, our Constituency Director, organized the Iron Creek UFWA No. 51 on July 28, 1930, at an annual UFA picnic.

The members that were enrolled were Mrs. O. Thompson, Mrs. E. G. Berg, Mrs. H. S. Peterson, Mrs. J. P. Rozmahel, Mrs. R. Ash, Mrs. Olive Prichard, Mrs. V. Jansson and Miss Beatrice Duke.

Through all the years that the UFA were in politics we took an active part in constituency conventions and paid our political dues. When the going was rough we paid half or sometimes even more

than half of the fees from local funds. During the hungry '30's we held picnics or socials and sold suppers for 10c and 15c per plate, children free. It was surprising how much money we made from these gatherings.

One of our highlights was at a UFWA Conference convened by Mrs. Zipperer, when we served dinner and lunch for about 150 people. A huge flower display and contest marked the conference which about 75 ladies attended, followed in the afternoon by a speech by Mr. John Brownlee (then premier). There was not room enough in the hall to accommodate the crowd so he talked from a platform pulled in the shade. (A sturdy "Bennet Wagon" which was the offer of transportation during those years).

During World War II everyone knit for the Red Cross through the local and we made several quilts to date. Cash and blankets were also donated.

We have donated to the Salvation Army every year since 1938.

We have sent a delegate each year to the annual convention and the last two years have sent two delegates.

When the UFA amalgamated with the AFU we changed our name to the Viking South FWUA #807.

During the years from 1930 until Nov. 1, 1958, we have made 12 comforters. We have taken in \$746.54 from coffee collection at meetings, included in a little over \$2000.00 that we have made and spent in various ways toward the betterment of union and people all over the world. Tracing back through our history we donated to the Greek Relief Fund, Prisoners of War, Russian Fund, U.E. Fund for Britain, Winnipeg Flood Relief, as well as T.B., C.N.I.B., Cancer and March of Dimes, also aided families in our own community. Recently we have sent 600 pounds of clothing to U.S.C. in Korea.

At the beginning of this year our one and only charter member, Mrs. O. Thompson, was elected president of our organization. She has been a very faithful member throughout the good years and bad and could always be relied upon to do her best at all times.

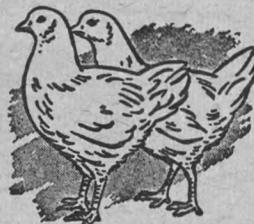
I believe this item will remind all members what a group of united farm women can accomplish over a period of time.

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## Veterans' Section

by C. J. Versluys

No doubt you all agree this report on matters pertinent to the affairs of the Veterans' Section is long overdue.

We had to hold two meetings during the annual convention to conclude the business on the agenda. We now feel that we shall have to budget for more time during the annual meeting so as to enable us to adequately deal with the affairs of this section.

The two representatives of the Veterans' Land Act gave a detailed account on current benefits and their application. They also answered numerous questions. Two resolutions were introduced and both were endorsed by the meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman—C. J. Versluys, Champion; vice-chairman—J. L. McIntosh, Dimsdale; executive member—Felix Noel, Okotoks; secretary—H. G. Hughes, Enchant.

The organizing of delegates to Ottawa is being expedited by the spontaneous support the program is being given at the grass-roots level.

In the initial stages of organization one encountered many questions in the minds of farm folk. This was mainly due to the deluge of prejudicial bilge hurled at the public to confuse the issues by a number of arm-chair critics, self-styled experts, and those chronically opposed to any program that may strengthen the position of those engaged in agriculture.

As people become well-informed on the various factors involved in the request for deficiency payments on Western grown wheat, oats and barley, there has appeared a strong upsurge of united support at the grass roots level. Farmers, generally, realize that we have not stumbled into a cure-all to remedy the ills of operating in a closed-economy, with no support for our grains, and that we are not offering a substitute for crop insurance but a reasonable means of minimizing the vicious effects of the cost-price squeeze agriculture has been subjected to since 1953.

The people of Alberta are indebted to the fine men and women who have come forward to give freely of their time and energy to fully acquaint the public with

the factors involved in arriving at a request for deficiency payments and the need of organizing a large delegation to Ottawa, to press for our requests, where smaller delegations have been unable to make our needs felt.

I have a feeling eastern M.P's will have no difficulty finding a real dirt farmer to get first hand impressions from.

Mr. Olof Turnbull, from our neighboring province, Saskatchewan, has been doing a yeoman service in laying before the people of southern Alberta a clear picture of the position of those engaged in agricultural pursuits, as opposed to the balance of the Canadian economy.

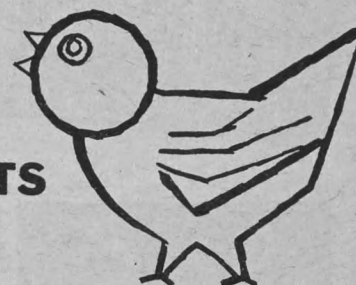
Recently I attended a sub-district rally at Barons where Mr. Turnbull gave his final address before returning to his home. There were about 70 people in attendance and they decided to try to send three delegates. They already had sufficient funds to assure sending two delegates from sub-district 1 of District 12. No doubt they will be represented in Ottawa by three delegates on March 10.

I shall try to promptly report to the readers of this column my impressions of the Ottawa visit since it appears I am to be part of the delegation.

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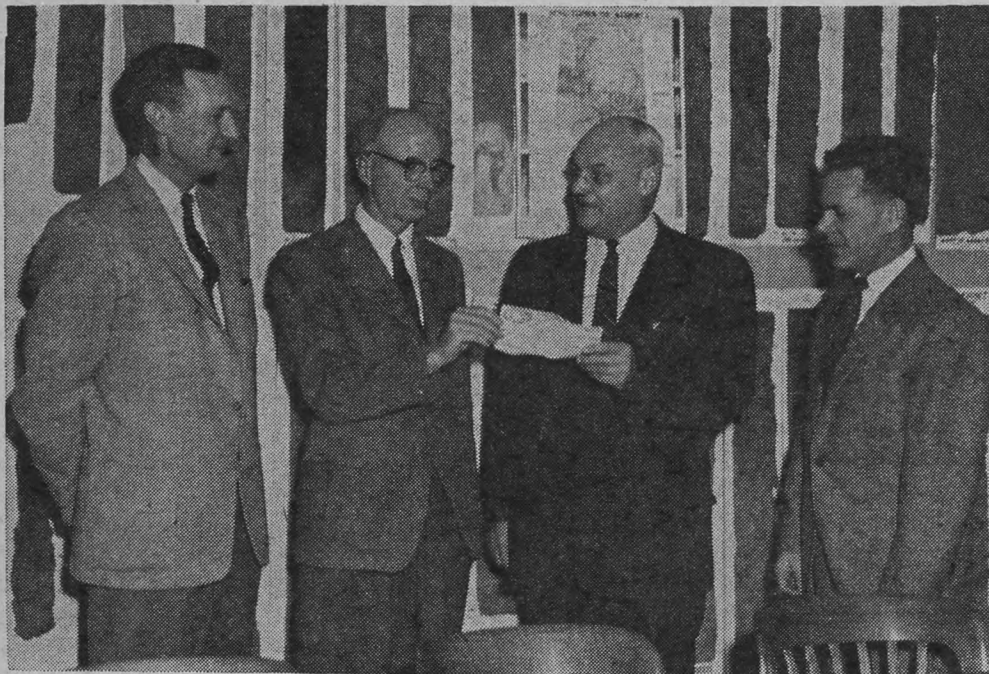
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## Co-ops Contribute to Fertilizer Research Work in Alberta

by PAT RYAN,

A.C.W.A. Public Relations Director

At a recent presentation at the University of Alberta, J. R. "Russell" Love, president of the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association, assisted by Mr. Del Sproxton, manager, Feed, Flour and Fertilizer Department of the organization, presented a cheque for \$750.00 to Dr. J. D. Newton and Dr. J. A. Toogood, Soil Survey Department of the University.

This is the third annual grant which Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited has made to the U. of A. Soils Department, and other prairie universities, for research in soils field in relation to the application of fertilizers. Mr. Love is the Alberta provincial board member of Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited, national distributor of Co-op Indian Brand fertilizer.

Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited have worked very closely with universities across the prairie provinces since it entered into the program of distributing Co-op Indian Brand Fertilizer on behalf of the regional co-operative wholesales and the co-operative stores associations in Western Canada. It has always been the policy of this co-operative to assure the farm members of local co-operatives of a high analysis plant food, and assists its local co-operative members to apply this, and all other farm chemicals, to get the maximum returns from the use of such products.

Since Interprovincial Co-operatives, jointly with such regional co-operatives as the Alberta Co-operative Wholesale Association, went into the distribution of Co-op Indian Brand Fertilizer in Alberta, in 1955, the demand has increased from approximately 4,400 to 7,000 tons, and this volume is expected to increase, to 10,000 tons during the current year. Much of this latter increase, no doubt, is expected because of the recent arrangements between the A.C.W.A., and the Alberta Wheat Pool to make distribution of this Co-op Indian Brand Fertilizer to farm members in these areas where no Co-op stores exist, or where arrangements have been made between the A.C.W.A. and the A.W.P. to have the local Co-op store manager and the elevator agent handle this fertilizer jointly.

During recent discussions with Mr. William Silversides, Interprovincial Co-operatives Limited, Farm Chemicals Division representative, he pointed out that a new trend is successfully developing in the north-western states of the United States in the distribution and application of liquid fertilizer. This program is being successfully developed by Pacific Supply Co-operatives, Walla Walla, Washington. "But, as yet," Mr. Silversides stated, "there's no move of this nature being started in Western Canada, though this trend is being watched very closely."

**LOCALS . . .** (Cont. from p. 7) ber is sent as a Local's delegate to a Convention and has to speak on its behalf. Remember the District Officials and Head Office are always ready to help any Local in need of information or assistance of any kind.

The time has come when we farmers individually must take a stand and collectively endeavor to manage our affairs. Too long have we left this, the most important part of our job, to others. We are now receiving prices for our products far out of proportion to the cost of production. We are gradually being forced off our farms by unscrupulous business methods. It is only we farmers who can and must put a stop to the gradual disappearance of the Canadian family farm. The individual farmer must become an active member of a militant Union through a live, determined Local, supporting our leaders through united action.

## USE OF PURPLE GAS

It has been drawn to our attention that some farmers feel that a station wagon can qualify as a farm truck, and thus be allowed to use purple gas. **THIS IS NOT TRUE.** The following is quoted from a directive from the Motor Vehicle Branch.

2. "F" license plates will be issued for **TRUCKS ONLY** which are operated by farmers, ranchers and market gardeners and are used solely in connection with their own farms, ranch or market garden operations, but not in connection with any other line of business in which its owner may be engaged.

### 3. PLEASE NOTE:

Paragraph (2) refers to **TRUCKS ONLY.**

All other types of vehicles owned and operated by farmers, such as passenger cars, station wagons, suburbans, ranch wagons, window vans, travelalls or other vehicles of a like nature shall be licensed with Passenger Car license plates, and such vehicles may be used under passenger plates by farmers, ranchers or market gardeners for transportation in connection with their own farm, ranch or market garden operations.

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—From Registrar  
Motor Vehicle Branch



## JUNIOR F.U.A. CAMP PROJECT

by Tom Nisbet, Jr. Camp Committee

The Junior F.U.A. camp project as proposed by the juniors and endorsed at the senior convention, is one of the greatest steps forward that the juniors have ever made. In this step there lies the potential of a bigger and better Farmers' Union in the years to come. It is here that everyone has the opportunity to invest in the future of Alberta's agriculture. Moreover, it is the responsibility of each and every one of us to get out and support this project.

It would be naive to suggest that the camp will be a cure-all to our problems in dealing with rural youth. Yet, this is a big step in the right direction and one

that merits your support. For it is here that the juniors have a project for which they can really work.

Farm Union sponsored camps are not new. For many years now, successful farm youth camps have been operating in Saskatchewan, Ontario, and throughout the United States. It has been found that the young people who attend gain valuable experience in leadership and responsibility. They gain insight into understanding of the principles and values of co-operation and comradeship. They become better informed about the problems in agriculture, and it is essential that farm people keep as well informed as possible. We have every reason to expect the same of our camp. Here it is worth noting that training in public-speaking, debating, parliamentary procedure and conduct of meetings cannot, at present, be obtained by the

rural youth of Alberta.

Two of the outstanding characteristics of our site are its location, (see cover of the Feb. issue of the O.F.) and its picturesque setting. The camp-site is accessible from all parts of the province and is thus ideal for our project. The picturesque setting adds much in the way of atmosphere. Here, the true spirit of camp life can be appreciated. These young people will carry home with them many pleasant memories of life at the camp. Moreover they will have learned something.

The land has been obtained from the Provincial Government on a long term lease basis, for a very nominal sum. It remains only to raise the necessary money to reach the second step, the erection of the recreation-dining hall. The most expensive part of this building will be the installation of kitchen and food facilities that will meet the government standards. The building itself is of simple frame construction. As well as being easy to erect it is one of the cheapest methods of building.

What the project needs right now is your financial help. Later, when we start the actual construction—volunteer help will be called for. We must have the money as soon as possible so the materials can be ordered and arrangements made for labor, equipment, etc. We cannot start construction of our main centre until we have enough money to go through and complete it.

Some locals are organizing dances, whist drives, bingos, concerts, etc. to raise money for the camp. To date we have donations from a few district boards, also some locals are finding that they can afford to send donations without sponsoring a function. It all helps take us toward the goal. What has your local or district board done?

No doubt many of you have heard of the project directly through your Junior directors. Those of you who have seen the color slides of the site were, I am sure, favorably impressed. Your continued co-operation with these young men and women will help ensure the success of the project. Any suggestions or ideas that anyone might have on any phase of the project should be forwarded to them, or to the Camp Committee at central office. We have made a fine start but the biggest part of the job lies ahead.

When this camp is finally established and operating, it will be something that Alberta farmers, and especially juniors, can be proud of. It will be a tribute to them. It will continue to serve Alberta and Albertans for many years to come. BUT, it requires the co-operation and support of every farm family.

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District 4	4,863	2,135	1,939
District 5	4,006	1,778	1,322
District 6	5,942	2,823	2,632
District 9	5,316	2,491	2,538
District 8	4,469	2,142	1,855
District 9	5,121	2,439	2,083
District 10	6,404	3,157	2,493
District 11	3,082	1,599	1,303
District 12	3,745	1,732	1,723
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## SURFACE RIGHTS

by Mildrel G. Redman, Hardisty

Surface Rights is such a big subject, but I will endeavor to deal with it in three articles — This first one on Exploration work, to be followed by drilling for gas and oil, and pipe and utility lines.

First, I think I should mention that a Government Surveyor may enter onto farm land for the purpose of surveying, without permission, provided no unnecessary damage is done. However, if anyone is living on the land, as a matter of courtesy, usually advises the occupant that he is going to run a survey.

No Geophysical operations shall be conducted in (a) areas covered by natural or artificial lakes: (b) Provincial Parks, Forest Reserves and grounds upon which public institutions and Metis colonies are situated, and to explore which the administrative body having jurisdiction has not granted the operator permission; (c) areas in which underground mines are located and, (d) areas defined as restricted areas by the Department of Mines and Minerals.

No operation shall be conducted within the limits of a city, town or village without the consent in writing of the city, town or village being first had and obtained, and a copy of the consent shall be supplied immediately to the Director of Mineral Rights.

An Exploration Company can conduct operations within a Municipal District, but must inform the Secretary of the Municipal District of the road allowances or roadways to be used in his projected operations, and immediately the operations cease the operator, (holder of a license) shall notify the Secretary.

A "shot hole" means any hole drilled for the purpose of firing a shot of explosive whether or not the shot is fired.

A "test hole" means any hole drilled for any purpose other than for the firing of a shot.

(1) No clearing, ditching or grading shall be done within three feet of the limits of a road allowance or a roadway which is in use.

(2) No shot hole shall be drilled more than ten feet from the nearest limit of a road allowance or public roadway, and in the case of improved roadway or road allowances, shot holes shall be drilled wherever possible between the limit thereof and the nearest ditch to that limit but not closer than five feet to the toe of the slope.

(3) (a) No shot hole shall be drilled within twenty-five feet of a driveway or gateway, within six hundred feet of a residence, or within one thousand feet of a school, church or other public building. (b) Where a shot hole is located in the vicinity of such an improvement care shall be exercised in determining the size of the shot to be used and in other ways to avoid any damage occurring to the improvement.

(4) A test hole, shot hole or core hole shall be drilled at a sufficient distance from a water well to prevent the well or water from being affected or damaged and in no case shall the distance be less than six-hundred feet.

No test hole or core hole shall be drilled within fifty feet of a driveway or gateway or within three hundred and thirty feet of a residence, school, church or other public building.

No test hole or core hole shall be drilled within the limits of a road allowance, roadway or highway to a depth in excess of two hundred feet unless permission to do so first has been obtained in writing from Director of Mineral Rights.

No shot hole, test hole, or core hole shall be drilled within twenty-five feet of the location of a monument.

A test hole, shot hole or core hole shall be drilled at a sufficient distance from any gas, oil or water pipe-line, cable, transmission line or electric power line to insure the uninterrupted use thereof, but in no case shall the distance be less than forty (4) feet.

If in drilling operations any underground water is released and flows out of the surface, no further drilling of the hole shall be done, and the hole shall be plugged immediately to prevent the flow of water and its location shall be reported immediately by the Operator (holder of License) to the Director of Mineral Rights; **provided**, however, that the hole may be completed as a water well if, — (a) arrangements have been made previously with the legal or equitable owner of the surface so to complete the hole. (b) the flow of water is properly controlled. (c) completion of the hole will not result in damage to other lands or property or interfere with the rights of others; and (d) the hole is not located on a main highway.

If, as a result of operations any damage, occurs, whether by the caving in of the sides of any hole by interference with drainage, by the release of underground water or otherwise, the operator shall take immediate steps to remedy the damage and prevent any recurrence thereof, and all costs shall be borne by the operator.

Any clearing of land or disturbance of soil shall be subject to an investigation by an Inspector, and work of restoration with respect to drainage, disposal of refuse or any other matter which may affect the present or future use of any roadway or road allowance by the public, or the utilization of the land shall be carried out in accordance with instructions, either verbal or written, given to the operator.

(Continued in next issue)



## TAX TOPICS - Farmers' Union Accounting Service

### NET WORTH STATEMENTS and BALANCE SHEET ACCOUNTING

The number of members requesting **Net Worth Statements** is indicative of the number of farmers that are realizing more than ever before, the value of **Balance Sheet Accounting**, and it is hoped that the following information will clarify some of the problems (tax-wise) that the farmer is faced with today.

The following are some of the questions most commonly asked and our answers of necessity must be brief:

1. Q.—What is a "Net Worth Statement?"  
A.—A Net Worth Statement is a statement of ones affairs at a given date and is comprised of Assets; Liabilities and Capital;—Capital is the term used for proprietor's equity or Net Worth. In Accounting terminology a Net Worth Statement is often referred to as a "Balance Sheet".
2. Q.—How is a Net Worth arrived at?  
A.—Net Worth is arrived at by subtracting your liabilities from your Assets.
3. Q.—Are livestock, grain, farm produce on hand etc. taken into consideration when computing a Net Worth Statement?  
A.—Not when Income is reported on a Cash Basis. This is usually valuable information to the Tax Consultant in Estate Planning, etc.
4. Q.—How will a Net Worth Statement assist me?  
A.—It will prove your Income, Drawing and Capital Account and indicate Capital Gains or Losses or other non-taxable Income.
5. Q.—If I file Income Tax Returns yearly on a Net Worth or Balance Sheet basis, am I likely to have a re-assessment at some future date?  
A.—It is very unlikely that a re-assessment would ever be necessary as your position has been proven every year as outlined above.
6. Q.—What other benefits are derived from filing on a Balance Sheet Basis?  
A.—In addition to the answers as given in #4 above; a Balance Sheet is valuable and necessary in Estate Planning; determining disposition of Gifts; as a Bank or Credit reference, in cost accounting; an aid to farm management and in setting up Wills.
7. Q.—I never filed an Income Tax Return because I thought I was never Taxable. What should I do? And what can you do to assist me?  
A.—We will prepare a Net Worth Statement for you and determine your Income over the period of years under review.
8. Q.—What will it cost me to have a Net Worth Statement prepared?  
A.—The initial cost for the preparation of a net Net Worth Statement is \$10.00 to \$15.00 for each year under review and the average cost is approximately \$100.00.
9. Q.—What is the yearly fee for preparing and filing my Income Tax Returns on a Balance Sheet Basis?  
A.—Once your Net Worth has been established by preparation of a Net Worth Statement, provided that the Taxpayer will complete a questionnaire sent to him; the average yearly fee is \$35.00.
10. Q.—Is it necessary for me to come to your Edmonton Office to obtain the services of the Accounting Service Department?  
A.—Not at all—we have special questionnaire forms and the services available can be obtained by correspondence.

At press time, Accounting Officials advise that a Tax Clinic will be held at **Thorsby on March 20th; Czar on April 7th** and in **District 1 and 2 at a later date**. Members in these Districts are asked to contact their Local Officials for the Time and Place.

### Accounting Service Officials at Holborn

At a meeting held at Holborn School, south of Stony Plain on February 26th, Mr. J. S. Herschel, director, and Mr. G. W. Ambrose, assistant director, of the Farmers' Union Accounting Service, attended.

Mr. Herschel was the principal speaker and his topic was "In-



## Tax Clinic Held At Carstairs

A Tax Clinic was held at Carstairs on Friday, March 6th.

Approximately 75 members attended to hear Mr. J. S. Herschel, director, and Mr. G. W. Ambrose, assistant director of the Farmers' Union Accounting Service, outline the "Services Provided" to members through the Accounting Service Department.

The Clinic was very well attended, in view of the fact that the March to Ottawa was in progress, and Local Officials expressed the opinion that they were more than pleased with the large number of members taking advantage of the services provided.

## C.A.R.S. Show Film At F.W.U.A. Meeting

At a well attended meeting held in Holborn School, Thursday evening, February 26th, a film "Never Surrender" was shown by the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

Mrs. Helen Gillespie, administrative assistant of the Alberta Division and Miss Gillian Clark, chartered physiotherapist attended and spoke on the prevention and treatment of arthritis and rheumatism; and the main objectives of the Society. Free advice and physiotherapy is given to patients over the age of 25 years.

The C.A.R.S. is a national organization and the Edmonton Clinic is under the direction of Dr. E. G. Kidd and Dr. D. M. Bell.

Mrs. Gillespie stated that they would be pleased to attend F.U.A. meetings throughout the Province; and Locals wishing to see this film should contact the Society in Edmonton or F.U.A. Head Office.

come Tax" and the "Services provided to members through the Farmers' Union Accounting Service".

A general discussion and lively question period followed.

Over 50 members were in attendance and Mr. Chester Burger thanked the officials.

Coffee and donuts were served by the F.W.U.A. and a special vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Henry Schlecker and Chester Burger for their efforts in organizing the meeting.

## Farm Members Take Notice

Members requiring assistance with their 1958 Income Tax Returns are advised that the last day for filing, is April 30th, 1959. Requests for assistance must reach our office prior to Monday, April 20th.

J. S. HERSCHEL, Director,  
Farmers' Union Accounting Service.

## Take Advantage of the F.U.A.'s Income Tax Service -- Available to Members

### COMPLETE THE ATTACHED FORM AND MAIL TO:

J. S. Herschel — Director  
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Dear Sir:

We would like Assistance and Information on the following:

- The Preparation of our 1958 Income Tax Returns.
- Farmers' Union Account Book (Farm Records — \$1.25)
- Establishing a Basic Herd.
- Preparation of Election to Average Income.
- Gift Tax.
- Lifetime Gift of \$10,000.00 — Tax Free
- Estate Planning.
- The preparation of a Net Worth Statement at December 31, 1958, so our Tax position would be cleared up at that date.

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### "The Voice of Agriculture" Your F.U.A. Radio Program?

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CKYL Peace River .....	7:00 a.m.
CFGP Grande Prairie .....	1:10 p.m.
CHFA Edmonton (French) ..	12:53 p.m.

(From the Broadcast of Feb. 16 — "the cost of flour to Canadian bakers has just gone up by 10c per 100 lb. bag. A 1 lb. loaf of bread contains about 10 oz. of flour, which means that the baker gets 160 loaves of bread from 100 lbs. of flour. Since flour costs him only 10c more per 100 lbs. the cost of the flour in a loaf of bread will be very small indeed—about 1/15c per loaf. Incidentally, the cost of the flour in a loaf of bread is less than 3c at present.")

(From the Broadcast of March 10 — "someone has got to take this thing in hand, gather all the facts possible, and then make some definite recommenda-

tions with regard to the legal needs, the financial needs, the community needs, the marketing needs, and so forth, of the Agriculture of 20 years from now. Then the farm organizations can get to work to bring these things about.

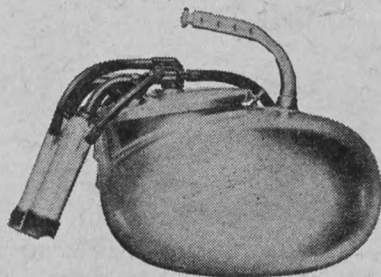
"Once more, it is a case of the farm-

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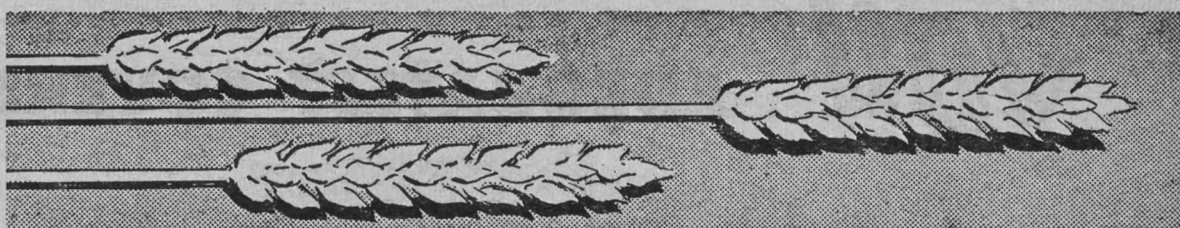
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